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Mardi Gras Season Means Parades, Beads and *Masks* ***Original Mask Creations on Display at Artel***

Pensacola, FL: The winners for the 2017 Artel Gallery Student Mask Show have been announced. There was a reception for the winners on opening night of the show on Feb. 21. The masks will continue to be on display until Mar. 3.

“Congratulations to each & every artist & art teacher who participated in this year's Student Mask Show! The judges were Laura Wolfsberger & Pat Dickson and they had a terribly difficult, but also a fun & rewarding experience selecting all our winners!” said Patti Wheeler, Visual Art Teacher, N.B. Cook Elementary School.

“This is such a fantastic and creative show! I can't wait for everyone to see all the amazing masks now hanging in Artel's beautiful gallery space until Mar. 3,” added Wheeler. “About eight Visual Art Teachers chose to participate in creating a mask for fun as well!”

K - 2nd

1st Place = Bella Burhart, Dracula in Disguise, 2nd gr. (Lipscomb Elem./ Sally Miller)

2nd Place = Jasmyne Ward, Whos Behind that Mask?, 2nd gr. (Blue Angel Elem. /Janie Currier)

3rd Place = Emily Ryan, Untitled, K (Cordova Park Elem./ Karleen Roll)

3rd - 5th

1st Place = Connor Johnson, Shark, 5th gr. (AK Suter/ Lauren Farmer)

2nd Place = Darren Jefferis, "Fox of Destruction" 5th gr. (N.B. Cook Elem./Patti Wheeler)

3rd Place = Kymmariah Williams, Selfie Time, 5th gr. (Lipscomb Elem./ Sally Miller)

6th - 8th

1st Place = Bella Downey, Heavy Metal, 7th gr. (Ransom Middle/ Jefferies/Hess)

2nd Place = Jenna Hillman, Mis-wired Memory, 8th gr. (Ransom Middle/ Jefferies/Hess)

3rd Place = Eva Miller, Were All Mad Here, 8th gr. (Ransom Middle/ Jefferies/Hess)

9th - 12th

1st Place = Brennah Coffin, Cassis Aerea, 11th gr. (Booker T. Washington High/Tanya Broom)

2nd Place = Holden Touzet, ChewPaper, 11th gr. (Booker T. Washington High/Tanya Broom)

3rd Place = Naomi Semaan, Hidden Identity, 12th gr. (JM Tate High/ Jennifer Castor Rodriguez)

Best of

Collaborative mask by Warren Wassmer, Alek Boudreaux, Savannah Long, Adaley Pereira 10th, 11th, 12th grades (Booker T. Washington High, Tanya Broom)

Most Experimental:

Julia O'Sullivan, Gwendolyn, 10th gr. (Booker T. Washington High/Sarah Kelly)

In addition, Artel Gallery added a new award this year:

The Artel Gallery Board of Directors

Milana Dodson, "Luna Neowa", 11th gr. (JM Tate High/ Jennifer Castor Rodriguez)

There is an album of photos of the masks on Facebook on Artel Gallery's page. You can also find that album shared on the page Escambia Schools Public Relations.

To find out more about Artel Gallery, visit their web page at www.artelgallery.org.

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